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1. On 19 February 1955, 4 lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 3 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia, 11 majors, some wearing black-bordered red epaulets and some wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the Batzenhaeuser building on Pfarr Gasse in Baden (O 49/X 37). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles which were parked in front of this building included jeeps                      and sedan                      25X1  
all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and sedans                      25X1  
                     all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
2. A lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 6 majors wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered red epaulets left the former Blak Kaserne on the Soos road. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles which were observed leaving or entering this installation included jeeps                      trucks                      25X1  
and van-like motor vehicle                      all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and jeep                      25X1
3. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a major wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Helenentalhof estate. The estate was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed in the area of these billets included 17 motor vehicles and 0 tank trucks which were parked in the open, 18 motor vehicles which were parked under shedroofs, and truck                      with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets which left the site. 25X1
4. About 60 soldiers were observed at aiming practices with rifles and throwing egg-shaped hand grenades at targets in the area immediately west of Helenentalhof. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 3 captains wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the building at the intersection of Braun Strasse and Muehl Gasse. The building was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Twelve motor vehicles were parked under shedroofs in the area of these premises.

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Comment. It is believed that the former Flak Kaserne quarters officer training courses of the Central Group of Forces in addition to the 59th Independent Signal Regt. The number of field grade officers who have been observed in this area tends to indicate that this belief is justified. A signal unit which is still unidentified, but is probably a component of the signal regiment of the Central Group of Forces, is located in the area of Helenentalhof

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